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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki YAMASHITA, et al.

Serial No. 10/766,955

Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No. 2505

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Examiner:

For: **HARDWARE/SOFTWARE CO-VERIFICATION METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: